

CHAPTER 12.

An act to provide for working the public roads and highways
of Macon county.*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

SECTION 1. That all roads that have been laid out, appointed or established by virtue of any act of the Assembly, or any order of court are hereby declared to be public roads. And the Justices of the peace in each township shall meet annually in some place to be agreed upon by themselves on the first Saturday in May and elect three of their number to have supervision and control of the public roads in their respective townships, who are hereby incorporated, and the Board of Trustees of such township shall be their corporate name. They shall have the right to sue and to be sued; plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this State. The Board of Township Trustees and the Board of County Commissioners, as hereinafter set forth in this chapter, shall have full power and authority to appoint and settle ferries, and to order the laying out and repairing of public roads when necessary; to appoint where bridges or bridges and fords shall be made; to discontinue such roads and ferries as shall be found useless and to alter roads so as to make them more useful.

Roads established by act of assembly or order of court public roads.

Justices to elect Supervisors annually. Supervisors incorporated.

Corporate name.

Joint powers of Justices and County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. The Board of Township Trustees shall meet in some place in their respective Townships to be agreed upon by themselves, or in the absence of such agreement to be named by their chairman on the first Saturday of May and November, and at such other times as a majority of them may deem advisable. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and shall annually at their meeting elect one of their number chairman. The Board of Trustees shall be exempt from four days labor on the public roads. It shall be the further duty of the Trustees to examine into the condition of the public roads and highways of their respective townships, at least twice in each year, and make a report of the condition of said roads and highways, and present said report at the Spring and Fall Terms to the Judge of the Superior Court, who shall transmit said report to the Solicitor, with such instructions as he may deem proper; that each and every chairman of County Commissioners, Board of County Commissioners, Justices of the Peace or Board of Township Trustees or Supervisor who shall neglect or refuse to perform the several duties enjoined by this act shall be guilty of a

Meetings of Trustees.

Record to be kept and chairman elected. Exempt from 4 days work on road.

Further duty of Trustees.